

Pipe Dreams

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What I find hard to figure are these public land percentage figures on the various Micronesian districts. How come, I ask, is it that Yap has only four percent public land, and 96 percent private land, while the Marianas has 80 percent public, and only 20 percent private land? Is this to do with early Yapese culture, or the administration under Spanish, German, or Japanese times? The Germans, particularly, were great ones for putting land under the public domain so they could control it. This was true especially on Rota, where 90 percent of the land is public.
